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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. DECREE 223 CASES (REF BUCHAREST 8446). WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY FURTHER WORD FROM CRAINCEAUNU ON THESE CASES. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR COMMENT THAT MAJORITY OF CASES ARE POORLY DOCUMENTED. EVEN IN ADVANCE OF ROMANIAN RESPONSE ON THIS POINT BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD PROMPTLY IDENTIFY THOSE CLAIMS WHICH CLEARLY LACK SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND ASK CLAIMANTS TO SUPPLY DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY. THIS WOULD BEST BE DONE BY LETTERS DIRECTLY FROM EMBASSY, WITH COPY TO EE SO WE CAN IF NECESSARY FOLLOW UP WITH CALLS.

2. RE DECREE 223 CASE OF MARIA GROVU (EMBASSY DS-4 OF 11/14/77). THIS CASE IS INDEED SAME AS EMBASSY CASE OF GEORGE AND MARIA NEE STOICA GROVU. EMBASSY HAS COPY OF DEED FOR LAND WHERE BARN IS LOCATED, AND MRS. GROVU PAID TAXES ON BARN AS RECENTLY AS 1971 (BUT HAS NO RECEIPTS). IS THERE ANY WAY OF PURSUING THIS FURTHER?

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3. OUR CABLE ON THE SIXTH FLEET VISIT WAS SENT BEFORE WE SAW YOUR REPORT OF ULMEANU'S ILLNESS. WE PRESUME YOU CAN OFFER THE DATES IN ANY CASE, ALTHOUGH THE ROMANIAN RESPONSE

MAY BE EVEN MORE DELAYED THAN USUAL. HAS ANY THOUGHT BEEN GIVEN TO HAVING OUR NAVAL ATTACHE GO ALONG OR LINK UP

ALONG THE WAY? THE NAVY EVIDENTLY DID NOT WANT TO SUGGEST THIS, BUT WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGES IN HAVING SOMEONE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT ULMEANU AND COMPANY MAKE ALL THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS COMING AND GOING.

4. ALSO ON MILITARY MATTERS, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT COL. CALIN, THE ROMANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE, HAS SOUNDED OUT DOD ABOUT WHETHER AN INVITATION TO MGEN EDMOND R. THOMPSON, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, TO VISIT ROMANIA WOULD BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE. THE MOST LIKELY DATES ARE APPARENTLY 3-4 DAYS IN APRIL OR MAY, AT LEAST FROM GEN THOMPSON'S POINT OF VIEW. VANCE

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